

tions which we could best give, and, at the same time to exhibit an earnest desire to adhere, to the best of their ability, to the rules and regulations of the establishment.

The same degree of fidelity, accompanied with a faithful compliance on their part, with the prescribed duties of each, with the lights of past experience will, we doubt not, abundantly testify to their greater proficiency and the enhanced value of their services for the future.

At the time our last report was submitted to you, the operatives were engaged in digging a well of considerable diameter near the boiler house, from which we hoped to obtain a large supply of water, and which would answer the purpose of a reservoir, sufficiently large to yield, at all hours, the necessary quantity for the institution, at least for a few years to come; notwithstanding the serious difficulties and obstacles presented by a continuous mass of rock, which has been penetrated to the depth of some fifty-five feet, we are deeply concerned to state that our efforts have proven well nigh abortive, and the hopes then expressed and reasonably indulged in of procuring the needful quantity, (even for our present wants) have been most sadly disappointed.

Having reached the greatest depth to which the pump could be made available in elevating it, the maximum amount of water we have been able to obtain (by accurate measurement) per day, does not exceed 1500 gallons; a quantity insufficient for the *steam* works alone, while that for the cooking and washing departments, and the large quantity daily needed over the buildings, is unprovided for.

This deficiency, so sensibly felt at all times, but especially since the warm weather began, and our numbers have increased, has been measurably supplied, though at the cost of considerable labor on the part of such domestics as could be spared for that purpose, aided by some of the more robust and quiet patients, by drawing the contents of another well situated some distance from the one at the boiler house, and discharging the contents into the same, by means of pipe, &c. This expedient, laborious and troublesome as it is, and attended with so many difficulties towards its regular execution, on